

SIMPSON HAS A SERIES OF SETBACKS DI MARTINI FREED, MRS. CLARK BAILED

'Pig Woman's' Near Breakdown Also Source of Worry

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 23.—With Mrs. Minna Clark released on \$5,000 bail, Felix Di Martini's extradition voided, and the Somerset county grand jury postponing further sessions until after the Hall-Mills murder trials, Special Prosecutor Simpson suffered a day of reversals. The illness of the "pig woman," too, is most disquieting to him.

In contrast to his usual victories over the Hall-Stevens "billion dollar counsel," the doughty little Simpson, glum and taciturn in defeat, was beaten at every turn.

Court Not Impressed

Last night, as Judge Cleary reluctantly ordered Mrs. Clark held for the grand jury, he plainly indicated that he deemed the evidence presented against her as flimsy.

Less than an hour later, Supreme Court Justice Parker, at Morristown, ordered Mrs. Clark released in \$5,000 bond, a low bail for one charged as an accessory to murder.

Another of Simpson's hopes was dashed when the Court of Appeals in Albany ordered the release of Felix Di Martini, private detective in the Hall employ, who had been held in Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn.

Today De Martin figuratively thumbs his nose at Simpson. It is doubtful if the detective can be brought here to testify, and if he does, it is more doubtful that he can be made to talk.

Loses Powerful Weapon

With the grand jury's adjournment, Simpson loses that powerful weapon by which he might make a close-mouthed witness tell all—a threat to ask an indictment.

Ralph Gorsline, Louise Geist and others whom the prosecution had at various times to indict, sighed with relief when they learned of the adjournment.

Mrs. Minna Clark, Sunday school teacher in Dr. Hall's church, laughed derisively as she left the jail last night with her husband and Freeman Woodbridge, her attorney.

Simpson, in his effort to prove Mrs. Clark an accessory, had faced her with her cousin, Mrs. Mary Demarest; Mrs. Demarest's young son, Edward; Miss Millie Opie; James and Charlotte Mills, and the arresting officers.

The high spot of the session was provided by Mrs. Demarest, who testified:—

Says She Saw "Spying"

"I saw Mrs. Clark spying upon Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills twice. The couple were seated on a park bench. On one occasion Ralph Gorsline was with Mrs. Clark, they were hiding behind an automobile." Mrs. Demarest also declared she had seen Mrs. Clark with a bundle of letters belonging to Dr. Hall.

Miss Opie said she had seen Mrs. Clark and a man she learned was Henry Carpenter, cousin of Mrs. Hall, in an automobile before the Mills home the Saturday the bodies were found. In the seat was a pile of letters and papers.

That Mrs. Mills had been interested in having her lover obtain a divorce from Mrs. Hall was indicated by the testimony of Charlotte Mills, daughter of the slain woman.

Charlotte told how Mrs. Mills once clipped an article from a New York paper, took it to Dr. Hall's study and left it between the pages of a book.

It quoted another minister as

Chauffeur Tells on Boss



HOW HIS EMPLOYER, Harry Butler, a movie producer, took Miss Helen Lambert (inset) on long automobile trips was told the Supreme Court yesterday by Edward Walsh, chauffeur for Butler. He testified in a suit brought by Mrs. Lillian K. Butler (above) for divorce.

saying it was proper for an Episcopal clergyman to get a divorce.

Simpson waxed sarcastic at one point, when an affidavit of Mrs. Clark's said she had visited Mrs. Mills to ask her to substitute as teacher of a Sunday school class.

"I suppose she wanted her to teach purity and righteousness to the children," he sneered.

Mr. Woodbridge, Mrs. Clark's attorney, says he wants it understood that he is in no way connected with the Hall-Stevens defense counsel. "I have been retained by Mrs. Clark, and I represent her alone," he says.

"Pig Woman" Breaking Down

For the second time today a prominent New York specialist, said to be employed by the state of New Jersey, picked his way through the muck and squalor of the pig farm to attend the prosecution's star witness, who is on the verge of a physical and mental breakdown.

For four years Jane Gibson has clung to her story of witnessing the murders. Prosecutors and detectives favorable to the Halls failed to shake her.

Exhume Bodies Monday

The exhumation of Mrs. Mills' body from its grave in Van Liew Cemetery, New Brunswick, and Dr. Hall's from its burial spot in Brooklyn probably will take place on Monday, Chief of Detectives Patrick E. Hayes announced today.

PLAN \$1,000,000 CHURCH

A \$1,000,000 combination church and commercial building will be erected near the Long Island Railroad Station, Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, by the united congregations of the Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church and the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church.

Movie Man's Trips With Sweetie Aired At Divorce Hearing

A chauffeur's tale of his employer's philandering was unfolded yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Mahoney when the divorce suit of Mrs. Lillian K. Butler, one of the six Kirk-Smith sisters, vaudeville stars, was on trial.

Edward Walsh, the chauffeur, told of driving his employer, Harry Butler, wealthy movie producer, and a young woman, whom Attorney John Santora identified as Miss Helen Lambert, on trips to Atlantic City, Long Beach and about the city.

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ALBANY, Oct. 23.—The five-cent fare referendum, sponsored by former Controller Charles L. Craig, received a knock-out blow when the Court of Appeals here decided yesterday that the proposed referendum cannot go on the ballot in the coming elections.

The court at the same session upheld the placing on the ballot the state-wide referendum on whether Congress should permit each state to determine the constituents of intoxicating liquors.

Undiscouraged by the failure of the five-cent referendum to take, Controller Craig Chas. L. Craig said he would continue his plans for having it passed.

A decision of the lower courts had been reversed in the case of the referendum, while that on the liquor question corresponded with the lower courts.



N.Y. Citizens Union Backs W. S. Evans For City Judgeship

Indorsement of the candidacy of William S. Evans for justice of the City Court, Bronx, on the ground that he has distinguished himself as a legislator and is by temperament and legal training the best qualified of the candidates for this office," was announced yesterday by the Citizens Union of the City of New York.



W. S. Evans

Evans, who is 41, has been in the active practice of law for eighteen years. He is married and has two children. A Democrat, he for five years was assemblyman from the 5th district. He is a member of the Bronx County Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association, vice-president of the Bronx County Democratic Committee and president of the Star Democratic Club, 5th Assembly District.

Mrs. Walker Has An Infected Hand

ABOARD S. S. DEUTSCHLAND, EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (By U. P.).—Mrs. James J. Walker, wife of the mayor of New York, is suffering pain from an infected right hand which she cut while breaking a bottle of champagne at the launching of the Hamburg-American liner New York in Hamburg Wednesday.

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